

TARIFF WILL BE PRINCIPAL ISSUE

Democratic Senators Give Pre-convention Views on Probable Planks of Platform.

RECALL IS CONDEMNED;
DIRECT PRIMARIES URGED

Two-thirds Rule Makes Choice for Nominee Uncertain—Will Hit at Trusts.

Opinions among the Democrats as to what should be done by the Baltimore convention, both in regard to the nomination for President and the platform, differ widely. Many Democrats acknowledge frankly that much will depend on the results of the Republican convention at Chicago.

The Washington Herald has sought to obtain the views of many influential Democrats in the National Capital as to what should be done by the Baltimore convention and as to the party's prospects in the coming campaign. This view will be published from time to time in The Herald.

Senator Isidor Raynor of Maryland prepared the following statement of his views as to the probable issues: "First—I am satisfied that we will again make the tariff the leading issue of the campaign, and will again stand upon our historic ground of a tariff for revenue as against a tariff for protection.

that we will take our stand, as we have always done, upon the constitutional ground that the reserved rights of the States must be kept intact and protected against the usurpation of Federal encroachment.

Same Old Planks. "Fourth—in view of what has taken place under previous administrations, we ought, and I believe we will, proclaim that this is not an executive government, that the President is limited to his constitutional functions, the Cabinet officers will not be permitted to constitute a bureaucracy above the law, but that they can be held strictly accountable to Congress as well as they can to the President, for the faithful performance of their statutory duties.

"Fifth—When we come to the system known as the initiative and referendum, as this system could never come in vogue under the Federal Constitution, it is doubtful whether the convention will enter upon its discussion, except perhaps to say that each State should have the unquestioned right to adopt the system if it so chooses, and that the party will support the recall of judges, I apprehend, will not meet with Democratic support. To recall judges whenever their opinions are not in accord with popular fancy or popular passion, would be a dangerous innovation.

"Sixth—Of course, no heed will be given by either party to the chaotic conception of the recall of decisions, as we may reasonably infer that the conventions of both parties will be swayed by the rule of reason.

"Eighth—The Democratic convention will undoubtedly declare that the law against monopoly and unlawful combinations must be impartially enforced, so that no President of the United States shall at any time hereafter have the power to select enterprises that are carried on in violation of law and grant them immunity from its penalties because their policies are in accord with the policy of his administration.

For Direct Primaries. "Ninth—Above all and everything, however, I believe will come the declaration, in unmistakable terms, that the people have the right to nominate their candidates for public office; that the day is over when political leaders shall have the right to select their candidates for them; that the primary election has come to

stay, and that all arbitrary action of the convention and the caucus has passed into oblivion. Representative government will not suffer under primary election systems. The people are being educated much quicker than we realize, and they know exactly how to vote in almost every community without being deceived and driven to the polls like cattle to the slaughter.

Senator Clarke of Arkansas declared that in his opinion the Democratic party should take advantage of whatever hindrance the Republicans may make in the choice of a candidate and the drafting of a platform at their national convention. "The two-thirds rule, which will apply to the Democratic convention, makes the nomination of a candidate uncertain," said Senator Clarke. "I believe the Democrats should be in a position to take advantage of every error of commission or omission that the Republicans may make at their convention, and until the Republican convention shall have been held it will be impossible for the Democrats to be fully informed as to these matters."

Situation is Chaotic. Senator Lee S. Overman of North Carolina does not believe it possible at this time for any person to predict with any degree of certainty who will be the Democratic nominee at Baltimore.

The North Carolinian is of the opinion that the Democrats should make the tariff the paramount issue and press the fight along this line. He thinks, also, that the platform should be reasonably progressive, but does not believe it should commit the party to the referendum, the initiative or the recall.

Senator Henry L. Meyers of Montana is enthusiastic over the Democratic outlook both in his own State and in the country at large. He is, however, much to be doubted as to who will be nominated at Baltimore, though he has no hesitancy in expressing himself for Gov. Wilson of New Jersey.

"The political situation as a whole is pleasing to me," said Senator Meyers. "I am pleased at the progress of the row in the Republican party and delighted with the harmony that prevails among the Democrats.

"I believe the Baltimore convention should adopt a progressive platform, but I am not now prepared to discuss its details. The tariff should, of course, receive attention in the platform, and the record made by the Democratic House should be indorsed.

That the present Democratic situation is confusing and not likely to crystallize before the assembling of the Baltimore convention is the belief of Senator Charles F. Johnson of Maine, who will appear at Baltimore as a delegate-at-large from his State.

Should Not Lose Trick. "The Maine delegation will go unimpaired," said Senator Johnson. "I am glad of it. As a delegate I have no decided opinion at this time as to whom I shall vote for at Baltimore. All of the candidates are good men, but we must not blunder in making a selection. The Democrats can and should win this time, but we must not lose a trick, and should be in a position at Baltimore to take advantage of any mistakes made by the Republicans at Chicago. I believe that whoever may be nominated will poll the entire Democratic strength."

"The Democratic platform should represent the rights of the people and the times, but I do not think it should mention the initiative, the referendum, or the recall. These questions are for the States and in my judgment have no place in a national campaign.

Senator Martine of New Jersey has no doubt about who the Democrats should nominate for President, but he has some doubts as to who will be named. The two-thirds rule, however, injects an element of doubt, he thinks, but adds that it will operate just as strongly against others as it will against Gov. Wilson. He believes that the platform should contain a provision for the initiative, the referendum, and the recall, and commit the party to government ownership of railroads, express, and telegraph companies.

ALL-DAY TEST OF RICHESON'S SANITY
Boston, Mass., May 12.—Clarence V. T. Richeson, former Baptist minister, under sentence of death, spent several hours today in an insanity test conducted by Gov. Fox's board of experts. The prisoner was taken from his cell to the music room in the sheriff's home this morning and did not return until late in the day. He ate two hearty meals during the test, and at its conclusion walked back to his cell with steady step and a hopeful air.

"T.R." CONFIDENT OF NOMINATION

Colonel Claims 400 of the 782 Delegates Already Elected by Different States.

WILL GET OTHERS, HE SAYS

Oyster Bay, L. I., May 12.—Col. Roosevelt expects to be nominated on the first ballot at Chicago.

No longer is he in any doubt as to the outcome of the fight. The former President counts up 400 delegates for himself of the 782 already elected. These include some 125 now marked in the contested columns.

The Taft managers at Washington give the colonel 272 delegates up to date, as against 400 for the President. Roosevelt maintains that the Taft men are claiming a large number of delegates that they know in their hearts will vote for the Rough Rider, although not openly committed.

The estimate of to-day is the first that has come with the stamp of authority. The colonel is absolutely certain of his figures. He has gone over the whole list with Senator Dixon. He has made allowance for Taft for all delegates in the contested columns that he feels any doubt about. Leaving a wide margin for the Taft side he finds 400 delegates that he estimates may safely be counted upon of those already elected.

As to getting the balance of 382 delegates needed to capture the nomination Roosevelt has no fear. While he would not be quoted on it to-day it is known that he expects to carry off nearly all of the twenty-five delegates that will be at least twenty-five delegates that he thinks New York will throw him and those of Ohio and New Jersey, in which States he anticipates getting two-thirds.

Will Break Solid South. Even if he fails to carry Ohio and New Jersey the colonel is entirely satisfied he will win at Chicago. He has a definite hint of the eagerness of a large number of Southern delegates ostensibly for Taft who actually will line up with the Roosevelt forces in Chicago.

One of the interesting things about this whole fight," said the colonel tonight, "is that at any time have I given the outside the slightest head. I loathed getting into the fight. If I had consulted my own inclination I would not have consented to make the run. I did care for it in 1904, because I was elected to round out my career as President. I wanted the people's approval.

"I was in because the progressives wanted a leader, and they convinced me I was the one to fight for them. In this campaign I have cared nothing for the consequences."

The colonel reiterated what he said in his North Carolina speech, that if nominated, he would try to break the solid Democratic South. His hardest fight in the South would be in North Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas and Texas, where he considers it possible to cut down the Democratic strength and carry off a majority of votes.

Sarcasm for Willey. "If I am nominated," Roosevelt said, "I want to try to establish the Republican party in the South along different lines. I want to do away with the rotten borough system. I have there is an opportunity of building up a strong party there and I want to try it."

The colonel commented upon a letter written by Dr. H. W. Willey, recently head of the Department of Chemistry, made public by the Taft managers in San Francisco, in which he discredited Col. Roosevelt's assertion that he had induced the pure food crusade.

"Everybody knows," said the colonel, with asperity, "that Brother Willey has written on every side of everything."

MISSING WOMAN AND SON FOUND
Mrs. M. Brandon Located in Philadelphia—Looking for "The Admiral," She Says.

Her mind believed to be unbalanced by a protracted illness, Mrs. M. Brandon, who resided with her mother, Mrs. Mary Knowles, of 1407 Thirty-first Street Northwest, left Washington several days ago, taking her young son with her, and until last night had not been heard from. Her disappearance has proved a mystery which has baffled the police of Washington.

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The estimated cost of the Texas when completed is \$10,000,000. The armament of the Texas will be as follows: Ten 14-inch, 45 caliber guns. Sixteen 5-inch, 51 caliber rapid fire guns.

Four 3-pounder anti-air guns. Two 1-inch anti-air guns. She will carry sixty-three officers and 1,000 men.

Other Dreadnoughts in the American navy are the Arkansas, Wyoming, Utah, North Dakota, Delaware, and Florida.

Newport News, Va., May 12.—Thousands of workmen are busily engaged today in putting the final touches to Uncle Sam's latest sea fighter, the gigantic battle ship Texas, which will be launched from the Newport News Shipbuilding Company's plant next Saturday afternoon.

The launching of the Texas will add first-class battle ships to the naval fighting force of the United States. The Texas will be equipped with every modern appliance, rendering her able to cope with any vessel on the seas, and her launching will be the occasion for gathering together the most distinguished company that ever attended a similar event in the United States.

The guests will include President Taft, Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Meyer, George Dewey, Gov. Colquhoun of Texas, Gov. Mann of Virginia, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation Rear Admiral Philip Andrew, Chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering Rear Admiral Hutch I. Cone, and about twenty prominent members of the House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

Little Miss Claudia Lyon, daughter of Col. Cecil Lyon, the Republican National Committeeman from Texas, will be the sponsor for the new sea fighter, and in spite of the age of the ship, the water champagne will be the fluid that will first dampen the prow of the new battle ship.

The Texas, which is to be fitted up as a seagoing ship, will cost the Government of \$10,000,000, of which \$5,500,000 will be expended on the hull and machinery, and the remainder of the armament and other equipment.

REFORMS NEEDED ON INLAND WATERS
Capt. Dow Says Inspection Service Does Not Possess Even One Rowboat.

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DISBURSEMENTS. General expenses. \$1,000.00. Advances deposited returned. 1,000.00. Cash on hand. 1,000.00. Total. \$3,000.00.

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Washington, D. C., May 20, 1912. We certify that the above is true and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief. EDWARD F. LOOKER, R. D. SIKES, ALBERT E. PARKER, O. L. NICHOLS, GEORGE A. KING, WM. M. DOUGAL, Trustees of the Edess Home.

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